

Main, his heirs and assigns, a predecessor in title to your Orators, by deed dated the 6th day of February, 1939, and recorded in Liber 416, Folio 140, one of the Land Records of Frederick County, Maryland, and that in said deed it is stated that "one Jacob Hummer entered into possession of the hereinafter described real estate and held the same openly and notoriously, claiming it as his own from about the year 1900 until the year 1931, and whereas the said Foster H. Blickenstaff and Matilda V. Blickenstaff, his wife, in the year 1931 entered into the said real estate and have since claimed it as and for their own and have held the same openly, adversely and notoriously and have paid the taxes upon said real estate from the year 1931 until the present date, and where it is the intention of the said Foster H. Blickenstaff and Matilda V. Blickenstaff, his wife, to place upon record their claim to said property."

SIXTH: That by virtue of the foregoing, and the statements made in the deed recorded in Liber 416, Folio 140, one of the Land Records of Frederick County, Maryland, a question has been raised as to whether your Orators have a good and marketable title to said premises by reason of the fact that there is nothing of record to show that the said Foster H. Blickenstaff and Matilda V. Blickenstaff, his wife, were possessed of a good and merchantable title to the above described premises upon the date of their deed to William C. Main and Myrtle Main, his wife.

SEVENTH: That your Orators have been and are at the time of filing this Bill of Complaint, in peaceable possession of the premises under claim of right and color of title, and the predecessors in title of your Orators have possessed said premises by adverse possession since the year 1931.

EIGHTH: That on April 24, 1962, suit was instituted in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland (No. 19981 Equity) by Alva F. Rice and Mattie M. Rice, his wife, to remove a cloud on their title to property containing one fourth acre, more or less; that this property, acquired by the said Alva F. Rice, et ux, by deed dated June 13, 1953, recorded in Liber 524, Folio 368, one of the Land Records of Frederick County, Maryland, is a part of that tract, containing 16 acres, more or less, which was conveyed by William C. Main and Myrtle Main, his wife, to Foster H. Blickenstaff and Matilda V. Blickenstaff, his wife, by deed heretofore referred to in paragraph Fourth; that this suit, instituted against the unknown heirs of Jacob P. Hummer, et al., prayed to remove a cloud on that Complainant's title existing by reason of the fact that there was nothing of record to show that the said Foster